

Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 245

Title: Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims – Alterations and Repeal of Sunset

Hearing: February 9, 2022

Position: Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports *House Bill 245 – Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims- Alterations and Repeal and Sunset*. This bill will continue the Program for Preventing HIV Infection for rape survivors by removing the sunset date and turning it into a permanent program.

As the leading reproductive health care provider in the state, Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) strives toward reproductive justice for its patients and the communities served by PPM. Planned Parenthood of Maryland recognizes and supports the need for healthcare of rape survivors. This bill would remove the \$750,000 cap paid to physicians, qualified healthcare professionals, and hospitals to support rape survivors. By removing this cap on funding and repealing the sunset date, rape survivors will continue to be protected and provided care under this program.

We ask for a favorable vote on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Suhani Chitalia at schitalia@policypartners.net.